



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 09/664,871 EXAMINER: San-ming Hui
FILING DATE: September 19, 2000 ART UNIT: 1617
FOR: Statins (HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors) as a Novel Type of TECH CENTER 1600/2900
Immunomodulator, Immunosuppressor and Anti-Inflammatory Agent

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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 12), a response to which is due December 13, 2002, with a one month Extension of Time. A petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. No other fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-501 (NOV-1) – Customer Number 30263.

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-9, 12-14, and 21-34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended once) A method to achieve MHC-class II mediated immunomodulation in a mammal with an MHC Class II-mediated inflammatory or autoimmune disorder characterized by IFN- γ inducible Class II transactivator expression, the method comprising administering to said mammal at least one statin selected from the group consisting of compactin, atorvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, mevastatin, cerivastatin, and simvastatin, in an amount effective to modulate MHC class II expression in said mammal.

2. (amended once) A method to achieve MHC-class II mediated immunosuppression in a mammal with an MHC Class II-mediated inflammatory or autoimmune disorder characterized by IFN- γ inducible Class II transactivator expression, the method comprising administering to said mammal at least one statin selected from the group consisting of compactin, atorvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, mevastatin,